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DOWNGRADING, CLASSIFICATION AND SECURITY HANDLING PROCEDURES FOR
U-2 PHOTOGRAPHY ACQUIRED OVER LAOS AND NORTH VIETNAM

1. On 1 May 1963, the USIB approved COMOR-D-22/22 which recommended that (a) U-2 photography of North Vietnam and Laos acquired in recent missions (3206, 3218 and 3219) be downgraded to SECRET in accordance with approved procedure, these being the only North Vietnam and Laos missions not thus far so authorized; and (b) that U-2 photography of these areas of Southeast Asia to be acquired in the future be classified SECRET and handled outside of the TALENT Control System.

2. Further consideration was given by COMOR to the procedures for the implementation of recommendation 1 (b) above. Specific procedures were agreed upon and recorded in COMOR-D-22/24. The following information is extracted from COMOR-D-22/24 for the information of Center personnel involved in exploiting and reporting on the subject materials:

"1. Photography

a. The original negative and roll duplicates shall be processed only in centers conforming to TALENT security control standards.

b. The 9 x 18 original negative and the duplicate negative and positive rolls shall be classified SECRET and not put in the TALENT Security Control System. Each individual frame shall be stamped SECRET.

c. The complete film from a mission shall remain in the TALENT centers. However, selected portions of a mission may be removed from the centers. Such portions shall be limited,

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25X1 in order not to reveal total track. This would permit removal from the centers of coverage of areas of principal interest; i.e., Laos, North Vietnam, and China

d. Titling may, but is not required to, show camera configuration, month and year (not days), location or coordinates, and scale (not expressed with the K factor).

e. The tracker film of a given mission will remain within the TALENT System with the exception of single frames which will be classified SECRET.

2. Photographic Interpretation Reports and Intelligence Reports

a. Reports devoted exclusively to information obtained from the photography will be introduced by a caveat: Personnel are cautioned that strict need-to-know must apply.

b. The IPIR will be issued at the SECRET level with the date of acquisition and with items arranged by country and as nearly as feasible by topic rather than by order of exposure sequence.

c. Analytical data produced by NPIC for operational support must remain within the TALENT System.

d. The MCI and the mission photographic plots may be published at the SECRET level but without track.

(TCO COMMENT: Under these conditions the MCI may not include the map showing track nor may the mission plots be released outside of the TALENT System as the latter do portray the track.)

e. Other reports may be issued at the SECRET level provided they contain no reference to statements of requirements, no attribution to collection source, nor reference to track.

f. Reports will be disseminated through normal document handling channels to all intelligence agencies with whom SECRET papers are normally exchanged.

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3. Photographic materials such as briefing boards, vu-graphs, sketches, drawings, etc. may be classified SECRET unless other classification or dissemination restrictions prevail provided that there is no reference made to track."

3. Any questions pertaining to this instruction are to be referred to the TALENT Control Officer, NPIC.

4. The unclassified nickname for PI reports and other reporting on the photographic materials produced in the future is [redacted] PI reports will be introduced with the statement that "This is a [redacted] Report". Any reference to the U-2 will be avoided in all reporting.

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Executive Director, NPIC

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